

REMARKS

Applicants' representatives express their sincere appreciation for the telephonic interview held with the Examiner on February 2, 2006 concerning the claims under consideration. Pursuant to the interview, Applicants submit herewith new claims 40-43.

In particular, Applicants respectfully note that new claim 40 recites the full-length sequence of mouse DEC-205, as described on page 10, lines 31-32, continuing on to page 11, lines 1-14 of the specification, in Figure 7B and in the Sequence Listing as SEQ ID NO:3. Furthermore, new claims 41-43 mirror previously presented claims 37-39.

Support for these new claims can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 3, lines 15-19; page 6, lines 4-5; page 37, lines 29-31; page 38, lines 1-4; page 42, line 23 through page 45, line 19. As a result of the foregoing amendments, Claims 22-23, 26-30 and 35-45 are pending. No new matter has been added.

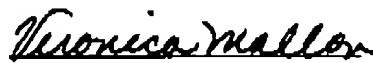
Fees

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any additional claim fees now due for a large entity. No other fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, if other fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any such underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

Conclusion

Applicants request further consideration of the new claims as filed. If a discussion with the undersigned will be of assistance in resolving any issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (201) 487-5800, ext. 118, to effect a resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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